I. *A Letter from Dr* Davies *to Sir* Charles Holt, *containing a relation of a perſon who voided many* Hydatides *in her Urine.*

A Gentlewoman between 40 and 50 years of age, in the Autumn 97, drank ſome Aluminous Waters for a month or five weeks, and in a months time after the uſe of theſe Waters, found a pain in the Renal region, where ſhe never had been afflicted with any before; this pain returned after the firſt Paroxyſm in about a months time, and afterwards more frequently, till about the *Chriſtmas* following it viſited her every day; about which time ſhe ſent for me; and had when I came to her the Symptoms of a Stone in her Left Kidney, *viz.* a grinding, and ſometimes a very acute pain on that ſide of the *Spina Dorſi*, a Vomiting, her Urine during the Paroxyſm tinged with Blood, and in it Bloody *Ramenta*; but what moſt ſurprized me, a dozen at leaſt of *Hydatides*, ſome of the biggeſt of them 1 ½ inch long, their circumference equalled that of an ordinary Gooſe-quill; in ſhape they exactly repreſented the *Veſiculæ Natatoriæ* in Fiſh, growing ſmaller about the middle, as thoſe generally do, and were filled with a Liquor, which my taſte and ſmell made me believe to be Urine; I never diſcovered any Pus in her Urine, nor had ſhe any pain at the Sphincter of the Bladder, nor in the *Meatus Urinarius*, either before, at, or after making Urine. The Paroxyſm laſted generally 3 or 4 hours; as ſoon as theſe *Hydatides* came away, (which they did not all at once making water, but at ſeveral times) the pain in her Back, *&c.* abated very ſenſibly, and ſhe continued eaſie and well the reſt of the day, excepting an external ſoreneſs, which the pain had cauſed.

I thought theſe *Veſiculæ* at firſt to be Membranous, ſince their conſiſtence was ſo tough as to bear taking out of the Chamber-pot and gentle handling, but afterwards was convinced that they ow'd their origin to a glutinous ſlimy matter, becauſe upon long ſtanding in Urine or fair Water they quite diſappeared and were diſſolved, making the Water or Urine to look thick and turbid. By the uſe of Medicines all theſe Symptoms diſappeared, and ſhe continued well when I laſt heard from her, which was about two months ago.

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Part of a Letter from Rome *to Mr* John Monro, *giving an account of what Books are lately Printed, and now Printing in* Italy.

P *Filippo Bonani* a Jeſuit, will print this year a Catalogue of the Writers of his Society, to the year 1700. Sen. *Valſinieri* (Phyſician of *Rheggium*) in *Padua* has wrote *de inſectis*. Sen. *Ramazzini* has wrote lately *de morbis Aurificum*. Sen. *Gulielmini* of *Bononia* has wrote lately in *Padua*, a Book *de motu Sanguinis*. Sen. *Paſcoli* of *Peruſia*, *de motibus animalinm*. Sen. *Fabra* Phyſician at *Ferrara* has wrote *de Arthritide*.

The Abbot *Mareſcelli* of *Florence* is preparing an Alphabetical Dictionary of matters treated of by Authors. Cavalier *Mandoſi* is preparing to print a Book called *Bibliotecæ degli ordini equeſtri*. The Abbot *Fontanini* is cauſing to be printed all the works of *Heronymus Aleander*. *Gioſeppe Terzi* is printing in a new method Ephemerides to the year 1750. Sen. *Fauſto Naironi* has wrote 2 diſſertations, one *de primatu linguarum*, the other *an prima editio novi teſtamenti fuerit Syraica an Græca*, he holds the firſt ſide. In *Florence* they are preparing 2 Tomes of the lives of excellent Painters by Sr *Filippo Baldinucci*. The 2d is poſthumous, and is of the moſt famous men of the State of *Florence*.